

Dr. Mejia has an 18-year track record of serving the culturally diverse population of Orlando, Florida, which is composed primarily of Hispanic women and their children. Through her work, Dr. Mejia has been able to mentor, teach, support, and advocate for many of these women and families. As a prevention practitioner provider, she continues to help families affected by sexual violence in the management of culturally relevant services, including immigrant communities, faith-based organizations, seminars, and culturally specific programs geared to prevent sexual violence. She has a particular passion for advocating for male survivors as well, and she has been invited to work in collaboration with the Mexican and Colombian consulates to educate their communities in Central Florida.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Diana Mejia.

MATTHEW PAULSON, EAGLE  
SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Matthew Paulson who recently passed his Eagle Board of Review to become an Eagle Scout. Matthew graduated from Cumberland Christian School in Vineland, South Jersey where he was a four-sport starting senior for basketball, baseball, soccer, and track. He was also a National Honor Society member and plans to attend Rowan University in the business management program. He is also very involved in his church where he volunteers as the leader of the church's technology crew. For Matthew's Eagle Scout project, he completed a playground restoration for Cumberland Christian School. He recruited and supervised 34 workers for over 265 hours to complete the project. Students at the school have had the opportunity to enjoy the playground renovation because of Matthew's willingness to make a difference for his community. Matthew is a born leader, as he served as his troop's patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, chaplain's aide, quartermaster, and troop guide. God Bless Matthew and all he has done for his community and God Bless America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COUNTRY CLUB CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I am honored to rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Country Club Christian Church. Since 1921, this church has received everyone, regardless of background, with open arms into their religious community. This church has made a tradition of service since its very inception, serving as a center of support for those who call Kansas City home. It is a great pleasure to have this house of worship and pillar of faith in my Congressional District.

Country Club Christian Church was founded in 1921 and it bears the name of its location, the Country Club District. While the church's name may bring to mind images of exclusivity, the church serves under the motto that "all means all," and they have always been committed to providing for and including each and every one of their neighbors. The church has been led by both male and female pastors and ordained its first LGBTQ Minister in 2013. Through its inclusive and loving community, Country Club Christian Church has embodied the notion of loving thy neighbor, making it a central message and mission at this parish.

Not only is Country Club Christian Church a center of worship but also a hub of service in its community. The church participates in community outreach and service, helping its marginalized members by partnering with Cross-Lines Community Outreach Food Kitchen every first Tuesday of the month to serve food to its members. Along with helping those neighbors within Kansas City, this church extends its arms to help newly arrived refugees and immigrants settle into their new homes in our community by providing them support through their transition into a new country.

Around the world, this church has embarked upon missions in Nicaragua, Haiti, South Africa, and India as well as several locations in the United States to provide service, a place of worship, and support for others. While on these missions, Church members helped build water filtration systems for a community in Nicaragua, delivered clothing and gifts to children in Haiti, and provided health services while in India. Additionally, the church organizes a Christian Community Camp each year. Held in the Rocky Mountains, this expedition allows members of the church to build friendships with each other while also growing and expanding their faith.

Country Club Christian Church has served for over a century, and that spirit of service holds true today. The assembly is a clearly devoted group which includes Federal District Judge Steve Bough and his wife, Kansas City Councilwoman Andrea Bough. Madam Speaker, because of the church's decades of service and commitment to communities at home and abroad, please join me in celebrating and honoring Reverend Carla Aday and the congregation of Country Club Christian Church for achieving this milestone. May the next 100 years be just as fruitful.

HONORING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

**HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 60th Anniversary of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

60 years ago, under President Kennedy, governors from Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York came together to sign concurrent compact legislation to form a regional body in order to protect, manage, and improve the Delaware River Basin. This profound coming together of the federal government and state governments as equal partners in signing of the Delaware River Basin Compact was a first in our nation's history.

Working together regardless of political boundaries, the Delaware River Basin Commission has worked tirelessly to ensure the health of the Delaware River and the surrounding ecosystems and communities through implementing flood damage reduction, protecting fisheries, abating and controlling stream pollution, improving water quality, and more.

I thank the Delaware River Basin Commission for their work, and congratulate them on their 60th Anniversary.

HONORING CRAMER VERDE IN  
HONOR OF HISPANIC HERITAGE  
MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Cramer Verde. Cramer was raised in Peru and now makes Florida his home. As a child, his father's work as a city councilman and business owner sparked his interest in helping others. He continues this legacy to this day, and still remembers his early involvement in supporting his hometown through community efforts.

Cramer received a degree in marketing and business administration from San Ignacio de Loyola University in Lima, Peru. There, he worked closely with the school administration and was president of the University Social Alliance. This student nonprofit organization worked with the vice president of Peru to provide educational and medical material to kids in low-income communities. These experiences helped cultivate Cramer's drive for success and spirit of hard work.

When Cramer moved to Sarasota in 2003, he quickly saw a need to change immigration policies and other issues. He mobilized and got involved with numerous organizations like UnidosNow, the ACLU of Florida, and LULAC Florida. Presently, he serves as political director of LULAC Florida and president of the Sarasota chapter of the ACLU of Florida.

In his professional career, Cramer has worked with the Small Business Administration of Peru, Microsoft, Bank of America, and many other groups, organizations, and companies. Cramer is an entrepreneur and currently the owner of Casa Verde Real Estate and Cramer Strategic Consulting, a marketing-political consulting company. He is a car aficionado, dog lover, husband, and is always looking at different ways to support and defend his community from any threats or harm.

For this and more, we honor Cramer Verde.

ISABELLA FREUND MISS TEEN

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I am honored to be able to recognize Isabella Freund who was announced Miss New Jersey Outstanding Teen. A South Jersey native, Isabella will go on to represent our state in the

national competition this summer. She attended Ocean City High School and held multiple leadership positions and was heavily involved in community service. She raised over \$25,000 for Make-A-Wish and raised over \$2,000 for Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Isabella was inspired to give back to her community because of her brother, Antonio. Antonio was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, and qualified to receive a wish from Make-a-Wish. After Isabella witnessed what Make-a-Wish did for her brother, she wanted to become a volunteer and actively fundraise to help other children like Antonio. Isabella says that our voices have the power to change the world, and she is absolutely right. Our young generation will be our future leaders, and I am honored to be able to recognize Isabella for all of her accomplishments. God Bless Isabella and God Bless America.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center. Located on Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong is well-positioned in the western Mojave Desert of California for its innovative research and testing that keeps our Nation on the cutting edge of aeronautical advances.

Formerly known as the Dryden Flight Research Center in honor of Hugh Dryden, a former Director of Aeronautical Research for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the Center was founded in 1946. With faith, ingenuity, and grit, 13 engineers and technicians from NACA's Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory came to Edwards Air Force Base, then known as Muroc Army Air Base, to prepare for the X-1 rocket plane's first supersonic flight in the Mojave Desert. Retired U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager completed this important supersonic mission, breaking the sound barrier on October 14, 1947 by flying the X-1 over Southern California.

In 2014, the Center was renamed the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center to honor Neil Armstrong, a former aeronautical research scientist at Dryden and astronaut who became the first person to step foot on the moon. Since its inception, NASA Armstrong has been involved in historical space and aeronautical milestones, including supersonic and hypersonic flight and the development of our space shuttles. NASA Armstrong also developed the Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (LLRV) and served as the testing site for Apollo's famous X-15 rocket plane. The importance of the LLRV was recognized by Neil Armstrong, who said that the technology played a critical role in the success of the Apollo 11 mission.

Today, NASA Armstrong is known as the premier research center for testing high-risk

atmospheric projects in the United States. Its Research Aircraft Integration Facility can check the systems, electronics, and controls of aircraft simultaneously—the only facility controlled by NASA that can achieve such a feat. In addition to its research, NASA Armstrong is a leader in safety. In 2020, NASA Armstrong won the Federal Aviation Safety Award among Premier Federal Aviation Programs.

From the Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program to partnerships to advance commercial space, NASA Armstrong is helping America learn more about the vast unknown beyond Earth. As a faithful pioneer in aeronautics, NASA Armstrong is focused on advancing technology with projects like the X-59 which would demonstrate that supersonic flight over land is feasible by reducing the noise of the sonic boom. NASA Armstrong also supports progressing space technology with its management of the Flight Opportunities program to partner with industry to improve technologies for space exploration.

On behalf of the 23rd District of California, it is my honor to celebrate NASA Armstrong's historic 75th anniversary. I wish NASA Armstrong and its devoted team of nearly 1,100 civil servants and contractors continued success in maintaining America's edge in space and aeronautic research.

HONORING VIRGINIA OLIVER,  
MAINE'S OLDEST LOBSTER HARVESTER

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Virginia Oliver, who at 101 years old is Maine's, and perhaps the world's, oldest lobster harvester.

Known as Ginny to her friends, and affectionately called "The Lobster Lady" by us at home, Mrs. Oliver has been hauling traps off and on since the age of seven, a decade before World War II and at a time when few women were working on the water. When asked recently how much longer she'll continue lobstering, she shared that she has no plans to stop.

Three long days a week, May through November, Mrs. Oliver and her son Max tend their traps off Rockland, working one of the most hazardous jobs in the country. She pilots the boat named after her, cleans and fills bait bags, and measures and bands lobsters.

In Maine we take great pride in our strong work ethic, and Virginia Oliver, The Lobster Lady, is a bright example of why that pride is well-placed. I am honored to recognize this Mainer's contribution to our heritage lobster industry.

HONORING ANTHONY CARRILLO  
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Anthony

Carrillo. Anthony Carrillo serves as the Florida regional director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration. As director, he represents the government of Puerto Rico and over 1.3 million U.S. citizens from the island who now call the Sunshine State home. In this role, he has provided much-needed assistance to the Puerto Rican community in the post-Hurricane Maria era, assisting small businesses with opportunities, helping thousands of citizens who relocated from the island, and helping former inmates to get second chances by providing community services such as housing, healthcare, jobs, and vital documents.

Mr. Carrillo is also the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Puerto Rican Equality Coalition, a nonprofit organization focused on educating and advancing equality to Puerto Ricans. In 2020, the people of Puerto Rico elected him as a presidential delegate for President Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention. Prior to his appointment as regional director, he served as Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration's District of Columbia office policy advisor in the government affairs division, where he was the lead advisor of the Puerto Rico Statehood Commission and handled multiple policy portfolios.

Moreover, from 2011 to 2015, Mr. Carrillo was the co-founder and elected chairman of the Young Democrats of America Hispanic Caucus, the largest youth Hispanic democratic organization promoting voter education and outreach in the United States. Mr. Carrillo received his higher education in Puerto Rico, is an Army veteran and current captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps and serves as the national security law chief of the 79th Theater Sustainment Command. In his spare time, Mr. Carrillo enjoys volunteering for multiple voting, civil rights, and veteran advocacy organizations.

For this and more, we honor Anthony Carrillo.

LIAM MILLAR, EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Liam Millar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Liam graduated from Ocean City High School and has entered the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a Marine Engineering major. While Liam was in high school, he participated on his school's crew team and was also in the academic team club. For his Eagle Scout project, he put up a sign and shrubbery at his neighborhood playground, North Street playground. Before Liam stepped in to create this sign, there was no indication that the playground was there for people to enjoy. He worked directly with the mayor's office to put up the sign and shrubbery to add a scenic view of the playground. I am so proud of Liam's accomplishments and I wish him luck as he enters his sophomore year as a 3/C cadet. God Bless Liam and God Bless America.